

AMENDMENT UNDER 37 C.F.R. § 1.111  
Application No. 09/803,657

**REMARKS**

Reconsideration and allowance of the subject application are respectfully requested. Claims 1 and 4-28 presently are pending in the application with claims 1, 4-15, 17 and 19-28 being allowed. In response to the Office Action, Applicant respectfully submits that the pending claims define patentable subject matter.

Claims 16 and 18 are rejected under 35 U.S.C. § 103(a) as being unpatentable over Mack, II et al. (U.S. Patent No. 6,510,325) in view of Alperovich et al. (U.S. Patent No. 6,317,609) and newly cited Yerazunis et al. (U.S. Patent No. 6,477,588). By this Amendment, Applicant has amended claim 16 to be dependent on allowed claim 1 (as was the case prior to the May 5, 2004 Amendment). Accordingly, claims 16 and 18 should now be in condition for allowance.

In view of the above, reconsideration and allowance of this application are now believed to be in order, and such actions are hereby solicited. If any points remain in issue which the Examiner feels may be best resolved through a personal or telephone interview, the Examiner is kindly requested to contact the undersigned at the telephone number listed below.

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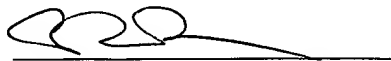
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